

**MAIN STREET MEETING
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
Tuesday, August 18, 2015**

The City Council of the City of Columbiana, Alabama participated in a special called Town Meeting on Main Street, Tuesday, August 18, 2015. Mayor Handley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. This meeting was advertised as directed by the OMA as an opportunity for public to provide input regarding the City's habitual high risk areas.

Present:

Council member Leslie Whiting
Council member Barbara Moore
Council member Ricky Ruston

Council member Kim King
Council member Ouida Mayfield
Mayor Stancil Handley

Absent:

None. A quorum was present.

Discussion – Habitual High Risk Areas of Columbiana. The panel asked for input from the public in order to address concerns about Columbiana's habitual high risk areas. The panel was made up of: Citizens Joe Green and Mizzell Reynolds, Police Chief Lamar Vick, Sheriff John Samaniego, Mayor Stancil Handley, and City Counsel Bill Justice. The Columbiana City Council was in attendance but no decisions were made during this meeting. It was strictly a fact finding meeting and an opportunity to hear citizen concerns about high risk areas of Columbiana.

Many citizens addressed the panel about varying issues thorough out the city including:

- Street lighting
- Illegal guns
- Drug dealing
- Penalties for law breaking
- Nuisance ordinances
- Trespassing properties
- LEO support
- Safety for citizens
- Zoning issues
- Economic growth
- Body cameras
- Neighborhood watches

Mayor Handley stated that there are many facets to how these habitual high risk areas are being addressed. One thing that has been done is the addition of 4 new street lights and increased police presence. Landowners are being asked to take an active role in reducing potential risk in these areas by contacting law enforcement when illegal activities are observed. Additional meetings of this panel are planned for the near future.

ADJOURNMENT

Due to a lightning storm the meeting ended abruptly and Mayor Handley declared the meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

J. Mark Frey, City Clerk

Stancil Handley, Mayor